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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
November 30, 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION

CHARACTER-RECOGNITION PRE-PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
3. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
4. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
6. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
7. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
8. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
9. ☐ A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
11. ☐ An assignment document for recording.

Please mail the recorded assignment document to:

 - a. ☐ the person whose signature, name & address appears at the bottom of this document.
 - b. ☐ the following:
12. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
13. ☐ A substitute specification
14. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
15. ☐ Other items or information:

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- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,260.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-3935 in the Amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attn: United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

Applicants submit herewith for filing an application under 35 U.S.C. §371, including the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designating/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (Form PTO-1390), the English translation of the above-identified application, including drawings, Preliminary Amendment, Request for International Patent Application as filed (PCT/RO/101), and International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210).

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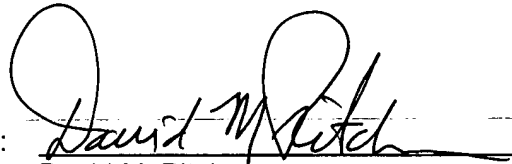
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